This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for digital content access control, comprising:

receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data;

determining, by said rights locker provider, whether said user is authorized using said enrollment authentication data, said determining comprising determining ~~the~~ rights of said user to access said rights locker and ~~the~~ rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description; and

if said user is authorized,

initializing, by said rights locker provider, said rights locker with rights to said digital content;

~~if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access requests has been fully redeemed,~~ obtaining, by said rights locker provider, a new token that authenticates future access to said~~a~~ rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker provider, an authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider, said authenticated rights locker access request over a network to said user device.

2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said digital content request comprises a request for initializing said rights locker with rights to specified digital content.

3.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises:

rights locker access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to access said rights locker; and

rights content access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to digital content associated with said rights locker.

4.   (Original)   The method of claim 3 wherein said rights locker access authentication data comprises payment for use of a rights locker service.

5.   (Original)   The method of claim 3 wherein said rights content access authentication data comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights locker.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises a reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said user is entitled to become an enrolled user based at least in part on whether payment for use of the rights locker service succeeds.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises determining whether an enrolled user is entitled to populate said rights locker with rights to said digital content based at least in part on whether payment for said rights succeeds.

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on said user device.

10.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein said sending further comprises embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

11.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 1 wherein said sending further comprises encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer ProtocolHTTP Response message before said sending.

12.   (Currently Amended)   A method for digital content access control, comprising:

receiving, by a rights locker provider, a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device associated with a user wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description;

validating, by said rights locker provider, said first authenticated rights locker access request;

if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating, by said rights locker provider, an authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content stored by a digital content repository;

if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access request has been fully redeemed, obtaining, by said rights locker provider, a new token that authenticates future access to a rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker provider, a new authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider, said authenticated digital content request and said new authenticated rights locker access request over a network to said user device.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said receiving further comprises receiving one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer ProtocolHTTP Response message before said sending.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for digital content access control, comprising:

receiving, by a rights locker provider, a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device

associated with a user wherein said rights locker
provides (1) a description of a user's access rights
for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said
description;

validating, by said rights locker provider, said
first authenticated rights locker access request;

if said validating indicates said first
authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating, by said rights locker provider, an
authenticated digital content request for use in
accessing digital content stored by a digital
content repository;

sending, by said rights locker provider,
said authenticated digital content request to
saida digital content repository;

if a first token used to create said
authenticated rights locker access request has
been fully redeemed, obtaining, by said rights
locker provider, a new token that authenticates
future access to a rights locker corresponding to
said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker
provider, a new authenticated rights locker
access request based at least in part on said
new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider,
said authenticated digital content request
and said new authenticated rights locker
access request to said user device over a
network.

18.   (Original)   The method of claim 17 wherein said
receiving further comprises receiving one or more delivery
parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating
where said digital content should be sent, a delivery
mechanism, or both.

19.   (Original)   The method of claim 17 wherein said
new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

20.   (Original)   The method of claim 17, further
comprising embedding said authenticated rights locker access
request in a Web cookie before said sending.

21.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 17,
further comprising encapsulating said authenticated rights
locker access request in an HyperText Transfer Protocol~~HTTP~~
Response message before said sending.

22.   (Currently Amended)   A program storage device
readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions
executable by the machine to perform a method for digital
content access control, the method comprising:

> receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights
> locker enrollment request from a user device
> associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment
> request comprising a digital content request and
> enrollment authentication data;
>
> determining, by said rights locker provider,
> whether said user is authorized using said enrollment
> authentication data, said determining comprising
> determining ~~the~~ rights of said user to access said
> rights locker and ~~the~~ rights of said user to digital
> content specified by said digital content request
> wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description
> of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2)
> controlled access to said description; and
>
> if said user is authorized,
>
> initializing, by said rights locker provider,
> said rights locker with rights to said digital
> content;
>
> ~~if a first token used to create said
> authenticated rights locker access requests has
> been fully redeemed,~~ obtaining, by said rights

locker provider, a new token that authenticates
future access to saida rights locker corresponding
to said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker provider, an
authenticated rights locker access request based at
least in part on said new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider, said
authenticated rights locker access request over a
network to said user device.

23. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22
wherein said digital content request comprises a request for
initializing said rights locker with rights to specified
digital content.

24. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22
wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises:

rights locker access authentication data for
determining what rights, if any, said user has to
access said rights locker; and

rights content access authentication data for
determining what rights, if any, said user has to
digital content associated with said rights locker.

25. (Original) The program storage device of claim 24
wherein said rights locker access authentication data
comprises payment for use of a rights locker service.

26. (Original) The program storage device of claim 24
wherein said rights content access authentication data
comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights
locker.

27. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22
wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises a
reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request
for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for

supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request.

28. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said user is entitled to become an enrolled user based at least in part on whether payment for use of the rights locker service succeeds.

29. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22 wherein said determining comprises determining whether an enrolled user is entitled to populate said rights locker with rights to said digital content based at least in part on whether payment for said rights succeeds.

30. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on said user device.

31. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22, said method further comprising embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

32. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 22, said method further comprising encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer Protocol~~HTTP~~ Response message before said sending.

33. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content access control, the method comprising:
> receiving, by a rights locker provider, a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device associated with a user wherein said rights locker

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provides (1) a description of a user's access rights
for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said
description;

validating, by said rights locker provider, said
first authenticated rights locker access request;

if said validating indicates said first
authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating, by said rights locker provider, an
authenticated digital content request for use in
accessing digital content stored by a digital
content repository;

if a first token used to create said
authenticated rights locker access request has
been fully redeemed, obtaining, by said rights
locker provider, a new token that authenticates
future access to a rights locker corresponding to
said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker provider, a
new authenticated rights locker access request
based at least in part on said new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider, said
authenticated digital content request and said new
authenticated rights locker access request over a
network to said user device.

34. (Original) The program storage device of claim 33
wherein said receiving further comprises receiving one or
more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery
parameters indicating where said digital content should be
sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

35. (Original) The program storage device of claim 33
wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on a
user device.

36. (Original) The program storage device of claim
33, said method further comprising embedding said

authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

37. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 33, said method further comprising encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer ProtocolHTTP Response message before said sending.

38. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content access control, the method comprising:

receiving, by a rights locker provider, a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device associated with a user wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description;

validating, by said rights locker provider, said first authenticated rights locker access request;

if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating, by said rights locker provider, an authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content stored by a digital content repository;

sending, by said rights locker provider, said authenticated digital content request to saida digital content repository;

if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access request has been fully redeemed, obtaining, by said rights locker provider, a new token that authenticates future access to a rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker provider, a new authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider, ~~said authenticated digital content request and~~ said new authenticated rights locker access request to said user device over a network.

39.   (Original)   The program storage device of claim 38 wherein said receiving further comprises receiving one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

40.   (Original)   The program storage device of claim 38 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

41.   (Original)   The program storage device of claim 38, said method further comprising embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

42.   (Currently Amended)   The program storage device of claim 38, said method further comprising encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer Protocol~~HTTP~~ Response message before said sending.

43.   (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

means for receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data;

means for determining, by said rights locker provider, whether said user is authorized using said

enrollment authentication data, said determining comprising determining ~~the~~ rights of said user to access said rights locker and ~~the~~ rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request <u>wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description</u>; and

    means for if said user is authorized,

        initializing<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> said rights locker with rights to said digital content;

        ~~if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access requests has been fully redeemed,~~ obtaining<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> a new token that authenticates future access to <u>said</u>~~a~~ rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

        creating<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> an authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

        sending<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> said authenticated rights locker access request <u>over a network to said user device</u>

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said digital content request comprises a request for initializing said rights locker with rights to specified digital content.

45. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises:

    rights locker access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to access said rights locker; and

    rights content access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to digital content associated with said rights locker.

46. (Original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said rights locker access authentication data comprises payment for use of a rights locker service.

47. (Original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said rights content access authentication data comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights locker.

48. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises a reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request.

49. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether said user is entitled to become an enrolled user based at least in part on whether payment for use of the rights locker service succeeds.

50. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said means for determining comprises means for determining whether an enrolled user is entitled to populate said rights locker with rights to said digital content based at least in part on whether payment for said rights succeeds.

51. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on said user device.

52. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43, further comprising means for embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 43, further comprising mans for encapsulating said authenticated

rights locker access request in an <u>HyperText Transfer
Protocol</u><s>HTTP</s> Response message before said sending.

54.   (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for digital
content access control, comprising:

means for receiving, <u>by a rights locker provider,</u>
a first authenticated rights locker access request and
a digital content specification <u>from a user device
associated with a user wherein said rights locker
provides (1) a description of a user's access rights
for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said
description</u>;

means for validating<u>, by said rights locker
provider,</u> said first authenticated rights locker access
request;

means for if said validating indicates said first
authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> an
authenticated digital content request for use in
accessing digital content stored by a digital
content repository;

if a first token used to create said
authenticated rights locker access request has
been fully redeemed, obtaining<u>, by said rights
locker provider,</u> a new token that authenticates
future access to a rights locker corresponding to
said digital content;

creating<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> a
new authenticated rights locker access request
based at least in part on said new token; and

sending<u>, by said rights locker provider,</u> said
authenticated digital content request and said new
authenticated rights locker access request <u>over a
network to said user device</u>.

55.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said
means for receiving further comprises means for receiving

one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

56.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 54 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

57.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 54, further comprising means for embedding said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

58.   (Currently Amended)   The apparatus of claim 54, further comprising means for encapsulating said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer ProtocolHTTP Response message before said sending.

59.   (Currently Amended)   An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:
        means for receiving, by a rights locker provider, a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device associated with a user wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description;
        means for validating, by said rights locker provider, said first authenticated rights locker access request;
        means for if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is valid,
                creating, by said rights locker provider, an authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content stored by a digital content repository;
                sending, by said rights locker provider, said authenticated digital content request to saida digital content repository;

if a first token used to create said
authenticated rights locker access request has
been fully redeemed, obtaining, by said rights
locker provider, a new token that authenticates
future access to a rights locker corresponding to
said digital content;

creating, by said rights locker
provider, a new authenticated rights locker
access request based at least in part on said
new token; and

sending, by said rights locker provider,
~~said authenticated digital content request and~~
said new authenticated rights locker access
request to said user device over a network.

60.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 59 wherein said
means for receiving further comprises means for receiving
one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery
parameters indicating where said digital content should be
sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

61.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 59 wherein said
new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

62.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 59, further
comprising means for embedding said authenticated rights
locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

63.   (Currently Amended)   The apparatus of claim 59,
further comprising means for encapsulating said
authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText
Transfer Protocol~~HTTP~~ Response message before said sending.

64.   (Currently Amended)   ~~An~~ rights locker provider
apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:
a memory for storing one or more rights lockers
~~that describe digital content access rights~~ wherein

each of said one or more rights lockers provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description; and

a processor configured to:

receive a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data;

determine whether said user is authorized using said enrollment authentication data, said determining comprising determining ~~the~~ rights of said user to access said rights locker and ~~the~~ rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request; and

if said user is authorized,

initialize said rights locker with rights to said digital content;

~~if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access request has been fully redeemed,~~ obtain a new token that authenticates future access to said~~a~~ rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

create an authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

send said authenticated rights locker access request over a network to said user device.

65. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said digital content request comprises a request for initializing said rights locker with rights to specified digital content.

66. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises:

rights locker access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to access said rights locker; and

rights content access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to digital content associated with said rights locker.

67. (Original) The apparatus of claim 66 wherein said rights locker access authentication data comprises payment for use of a rights locker service.

68. (Original) The apparatus of claim 66 wherein said rights content access authentication data comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights locker.

69. (Original) The apparatus of claim 66 wherein said enrollment authentication data comprises a reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request.

70. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said determining comprises determining whether said user is entitled to become an enrolled user based at least in part on whether payment for use of the rights locker service succeeds.

71. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said determining comprises determining whether an enrolled user is entitled to populate said rights locker with rights to said digital content based at least in part on whether payment for said rights succeeds.

72. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on said user device.

73. (Original) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said processor is further configured to embed said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

74. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 64 wherein said processor is further configured to encapsulate said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer Protocol~~HTTP~~ Response message before said sending.

75. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A rights locker provider apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:
    a memory for storing one or more rights lockers ~~that describe digital content access rights~~ wherein each of said one or more rights lockers provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description; and
    a processor configured to:
        receive a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification from a user device associated with a user;
        validate said first authenticated rights locker access request;
        if said validation indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is valid,
            create an authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content stored by a digital content repository;
            if a first token used to create said authenticated rights locker access request has been fully redeemed, obtain a new token

that authenticates future access to a rights locker corresponding to said digital content;

create a new authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token; and

send said authenticated digital content request and said new authenticated rights locker access request over a network to said user device.

76. (Original) The apparatus of claim 75 wherein said apparatus is further configured to receive one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both.

77. (Original) The apparatus of claim 75 wherein said new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

78. (Original) The apparatus of claim 75 wherein said processor is further configured to embed said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

79. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 75 wherein said processor is further configured to encapsulate said authenticated rights locker access request in an HyperText Transfer ProtocolHTTP Response message before said sending.

80. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

a memory for storing one or more rights lockers that describe digital content access rights wherein each of said one or more rights lockers provides (1) a description of a user's access rights for digital

content; and (2) controlled access to said description;
and

a processor configured to:

receive a first authenticated rights locker
access request and a digital content specification
from a user device associated with a user;

validate said first authenticated rights
locker access request;

if said validation indicates said first
authenticated rights locker access request is
valid,

create an authenticated digital content
request for use in accessing digital content
stored by a digital content repository;

send said authenticated digital content
request to a digital content repository;

if a first token used to create said
authenticated rights locker access request
has been fully redeemed, obtain a new token
that authenticates future access to a rights
locker corresponding to said digital content;

create a new authenticated rights locker
access request based at least in part on said
new token; and

send ~~said authenticated digital content~~
~~request and~~ said new authenticated rights
locker access request to said user device
over a network.

81.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 80 wherein said
apparatus is further configured to receive one or more
delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters
indicating where said digital content should be sent, a
delivery mechanism, or both.

82.   (Original)   The apparatus of claim 80 wherein said
new token is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

83. (Original) The apparatus of claim 80 wherein said processor is further configured to embed said authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

84. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 80 wherein said processor is further configured to encapsulate said authenticated rights locker access request in an <u>HyperText Transfer Protocol</u>HTTP Response message before said sending.

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